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SUBJ: HEALTH PRESIDENT NIMEIRI

- 1. RELIABLY INFORMED THAT, DURING CREDENTIALS CEREMONY FOR NEW NON-RESIDENT AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR MAY 20, PRESIDENT NIMEIRI ALMOST COLLAPSED. HIS EYES GLAZED OVER, HE HANDED TEXT HIS REMARKS TO FONFIN, SAT DOWN IN CORNER WITH GLASS OF WATER AND ONLY REVIVED AFTER ABOUT FIVE MINUTES.
- 2. COMMENT. NIMEIRI, WHO HAS HISTORY OF VERY HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, HAS BEEN GOING AT FRENETIC PACE. THREE SWEARING-IN CEREMONIES MAY 20 WERE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED MAY 19 BUT POSTPONED AT LAST MINUTE, PRESUMABLY TO MAKE WAY FOR URGENT NEGOITIANS REPORTED KHARTOUM 1248. FOLLOWING THESE CEREMONIES, NIMEIRI LEFT ON THREE-DAY SWING EASTERN PROVINCES, AND WILL NOW BE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN CEREMONIES SURROUNDING SIXTH ANNIVERSARY MAY REVOLUTION. HE GETS LITTLE SLEEP AND, THOUGH ONLY JUST 45, PACE IS EVIDENTLY BEGINNING TO TELL. BREWER

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